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(U) Executive Summary

(U) The Center of Counterterrorism Studies prepared this After Action Report (AAR) with the assistance of the operational participants, the Task Force staff and guidance provided by the Command Group.

(S) This report provides official accounts of Joint Task Force (JTF) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(d)

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(d)

(S) (b)(1)1.7E on 28-29 January 2017, (b)(1)1.4(a)

(b)(1)1.4(a) a raid on an AQAP compound (b)(1)1.4(a)

(b)(1)1.4(a) Yemen. (b)(1)1.4(a)

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(b)(1)1.4(a) the assault force conducted clearance on while engaged by heavy and effective enemy automatic weapons fire emanating from over a dozen compounds in every cardinal direction. During the operation, four U.S. operators were wounded by enemy fire, one of whom was mortally wounded. (b)(1)1.4(a)

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One MV -22 tilt-wing aircraft crashed (b)(1)1.4(a) and was ultimately destroyed. The battle damage assessment (BDA) included approximately 35 enemy killed in action (EKIA) and one ZU-23 anti-aircraft weapon destroyed. (b)(1)1.4(a)

(b)(1)1.4(a)

(S) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

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(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(d)

(b)(1)1.4(a) [redacted] I resulted in one friendly KIA [redacted] (b)(1)1.4(a)
arms fire, as well as approximately 35 EKIA - [redacted] (b)(1)1.4(a)
and one ZU-23 anti-aircraft weapon destroyed, with minimal civilian casualties (CIVCAS).
In addition, the assault force experienced continuous enemy contact from every cardinal
direction, barricaded male and female enemy fighters on the target [redacted] (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

[redacted]
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

[redacted]
(b)(1)1.7(e)

(S) Although conducted at a significant cost of human life, [redacted] (b)(1)1.4(a)
successfully accomplished the assigned mission to conduct an intelligence raid to exploit
CEM and increase insight into AQAP's potential external operations. Unfortunately, the
media did not characterize the mission in a successful light. The media described the raid
as killing dozens of civilians and resulting in one death and the destruction of a \$70 million
dollar aircraft. The new U.S. administration was seen as brash and unconcerned with U.S.
military or Yemeni lives. [redacted] (b)(1)1.4(a)

[redacted] (b)(1)1.4(a)

(U) Operation [redacted] (b)(1)1.7(e)

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